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REMARKS

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1. At 7:30 a.m. on 29 February 1952, a troop train, headed toward Wittenberg, was standing at the Jueterbog (N 51/E 69) railroad station. About 35 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, about 20 trucks and 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns were observed on the train.

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2. On 4 March, a troop train was on the track to Krommen at the Velten railroad station. The train consisted of 10 boxcars with 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and of 20 to 25 flatcars carrying about 14 trucks and about 12 larger and 6 smaller artillery pieces. (2)

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3. There were no troops quartered in Camp Lieberose (N 52/A 49) prior to 8 March.

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4. On 10 March, 8 officers and 40 M were quartered in Camp Jamlitz on the Lieberose training area.

50 to 60 soldiers arrived daily aboard the regular passenger trains for the past few days. They marched to the Peitz troop training grounds where they were quartered in earth bunkers near Dorchhausen, about 10 km north of Cottbus. (3)

5. Prior to 15 March, German workers were drafted by the German labor office for the construction of additional barracks at the Schweinrich (N 51/U 22) troop training grounds. Previously only individual vehicles, some loaded with wooden boards, had been seen in the Schweinrich training area.

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6. A troop train of seven boxcars and an unknown number of flatcars was loaded with soldiers, 1 rocket launcher, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns and 10 to 12 trucks at the Doberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station at about 9 p.m. on 10 March. (5)

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- 25X1 ☐ 7. At 11:45 a.m. on 10 March, a column of trucks ☐ 25X1  
 25X1 ☐ carrying soldiers  
 25X1 with red-bordered black epaulets, of two field kitchens and prime-  
 25X1 mover ☐ towing a bus-trailer passed through Fahrland. The unit  
 25X1 came from the direction of Nedlitz and drove toward Nauen. (6)
- ☐ 8. At 2 p.m. on 10 March, 12 JS-3 tanks 20 meters apart were emplaced north  
 of Hill 118 (Spitzer Berg) in the Lotzling Heath training area. A single  
 shot was fired in a northerly direction every 5 to 6 minutes. Eight 76.2-mm  
 field guns, each with a crew of eight men, were observed in firing posi-  
 tion north of Paxforde. Individual shots were fired in a northerly direc-  
 tion. About 150 soldiers with small arms were training in the terrain  
 south of the gun emplacement. (7)
- ☐ Comments.
- (1) ☐ the troop train carried components of the  
 9th Gds Tank Div. It probably was identical with a train reported by  
 another source to have passed through Austermark with units of the  
 same division and to have probably proceeded to Neustrelitz on 29 February
- (2) ☐ a troop train of the 31st AAA Div was  
 probably bound for Altengrabow. ☐ 25X1
- (3) The information confirms guard details or small training details from  
 Frankfurt/Oder and/or Iuerstenwalde at the Lieberose troop training grounds  
 until 10 March 1952. ☐ Earth bunkers used as troop  
 quarters in the Brachhausen area are reported for the first time.
- (4) The enlarging of the quarters at the Schweinrich troop training grounds is  
 indicative of an increased occupation. The date of the beginning of the  
 construction work does not necessarily mean that the troops will arrive  
 earlier than scheduled.
- (5) ☐ 25X1
- (6) ☐ a column of troops belonging to the unidenti-  
 fied artillery division from the northern section of the Dolius Kaserne,  
 Potsdam, which drove in a northwesterly direction.
- (7) Firing practice of tanks and AT guns on the previously known artillery  
 range Hillersleben-Salchau.

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